





THE DOCTOR CONTROVERSY.

The excitement in Boston over the Collector's conduct on Wednesday morning, in connection with the government of the Board of Trade, and a dispatch was sent to the President requesting the withdrawal of Simmon's name and stating that Collector Russell authorized the withdrawal of his resignation. On the same day the Massachusetts Legislature in Congress held an informal meeting to consider the nomination of William A. Sumner to the Collectorship of the port of Boston, but it did not succeed in accomplishing anything looking to the substitution of another name. General Butler and Mr. Hooper gave their reasons for supporting Mr. Sumner. Mr. Butler declared himself neutral because he had pledged his word to General Butler that he would be, and Senator Sumner had that should take no part in the controversy. The withdrawal from the conference of Messrs. Butler, Hooper and Buffum frustrated an attempt to nominate a person to be recommended to the President in the event of the withdrawal of Mr. Summon's name, but Messrs. Pierce, Williams, Crocker, H. Hoar and G. F. Hoar have united in a request to the President that the nomination be withdrawn.

It is stated that Butler promised the President that if Sumner was elected, he would be a member of the Massachusetts delegation entered a protest against the nomination, but (Butler) would consent to its being withdrawn. Having secured the appointment he now boasts that a majority of the delegation are so situated that they cannot be induced to sign such a letter to the President. The majority of the delegation cannot be induced to sign such a letter to the President. The majority of the delegation cannot be induced to sign such a letter to the President.

ESTIMATES REDUCED. The aggregate amount in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill is \$10,303,001. The salaries and compensation of Senators, Representatives and delegates are \$3,050,000, or \$300,000 less than the estimates which were made before the report of the subcommittee on the 15th of January, last year, omitting the exports of specie from New York. It is not to be expected that so large a ratio of increase will be made throughout the year, but the trade at present is in a very healthy condition.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE INTERVIEWED. A New York Herald interview, published upon the Chief Justice's return from his recent visit to New York, and appears to have had a pleasant chat concerning him and things. The reporter says the Chief Justice is rather below the medium height, but compactly built. To say that there is anything striking in his appearance would be to exaggerate, but there are many marks of character in the somewhat stolid features of his face, which is remarkably dark. His eyes are black and brilliant, his teeth white and shining, his hair is black and long, and his nose is straight and of medium height. He is dressed in a simple, dark suit, and his manner is that of a man who is not at all affected by the public gaze.

NEW BREVITIES. Russell has formally accepted the British Freeman's press, and the British Freeman's press has accepted the British Freeman's press. The unfortunate iron-clad Annapolis is leaking badly at Havana. Santa Anna is at Havana, on his way to Mexico, but says he has taken no part in politics. An average of twenty car loads of California barley passes eastward through Omaha daily. Raymond, the New York bond forger, has confessed and informed the District Attorney of the names of the other forgers.

UNFOUNDED REPORTS. When the appointment of Mr. Summon was announced Monday afternoon, his supporters, both here and in Washington, claimed for him the indorsement of Senators Sumner and Boutwell, and the active support of every other New England Senator, especially Senators Hamlin and Morrill of Maine; together with the indorsement of a majority of the Massachusetts delegation in the House, and a part of the Maine delegation, including the Speaker of the House. For all this there was hardly a shadow of foundation. These reports were caught up and magnified by the correspondents, our own among the number, doing much injustice thereby to many gentlemen who had no part in or sympathy with this wretched business. Mr. Sumner, it now appears, was not consulted, and will not vote for the confirmation if Summon's name remains before the Senate. Mr. Boutwell did not recommend the appointment, and whether he will consider it his duty to support it or not, after the almost unanimous protest of this community reaches Washington, is still in doubt. There is no evidence that either of the Maine Senators or Representatives had anything whatever to do with the appointment. The irrelevant story of Mr. Blair's relationship to the Superior Court has been already given in any way this preposterous appointment, we presume is as false as all the rest. A dispatch printed yesterday attributed some of these false reports to the Secretary of the Treasury, or other high officials. We desire to disclaim all responsibility for such statements, and to say that no disinterested attaché to the gentlemen whose names have been used in this unwarrantable manner.

The Augusta correspondent of the Press got things somewhat mixed in a dispatch stating that "Hercules, the Dictator of Augusta," appeared to argue against the insurance tax; the fact being that Hon. Joshua Nye took his ground, while the Governor is supposed to be strongly in favor of the tax.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, one of the most valued of our exchanges, has adopted a questionable and unbecomingly unbusinesslike policy, and has been full of untruthful and readable matter. This unscrupulous newspaper has attained a high reputation and wide influence which we doubt will be maintained and increased under its new form.

General award. Although the formal vote has been taken, the Committee are expected to report to the Legislature on Wednesday. The bill which the Committee are nearly ready to report, contains a schedule of the different classes of persons, or corporations deemed entitled to the award. There is but one member of the Committee who favors covering the entire award into the Treasury and omitting the schedule.

The Boston Advertiser continues its vigorous protest against the appointment of Summon, and in an editorial, addressed, personally to Hon. Sumner, calls him a traitor to his country, and a man of no honor. The Advertiser is a gentleman in account in most trenchant style, in the name of his constituents.

The Helena (Montana) Herald boasts of corn raising to the extent of fifty bushels per acre in that territory. The Omaha Republican remarks: "When the whole River is under cultivation, there will not be much of the Great American Desert left except in the imagination of some hoary old settlers and obsolete geographers."

The year has opened well for the export trade. The Boston Advertiser cites the following exhibit of the four Atlantic ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, showing a large increase in the value of goods shipped in January over the same month in 1873:

	1873.	1874.
Baltimore.	\$1,100,499	\$1,277,710
Boston.	2,450,528	2,690,559
Philadelphia.	2,450,528	2,690,559
New York.	2,450,528	2,690,559

Total of the four ports, \$11,452,155. This shows a clear gain of more than six and a quarter million of dollars, or twenty-five per cent over January of last year, omitting the exports of specie from New York. It is not to be expected that so large a ratio of increase will be made throughout the year, but the trade at present is in a very healthy condition.

Nine young ladies from St. Catherine's convent took the white veil Monday afternoon, in the chapel of St. Joseph's cathedral, Hartford.

ALSAKE AND LORRAINE. In the German Reichstag on Wednesday, during the debate on a project for a plebiscite in Alsace and Lorraine, M. Tiersch, an Alsatian delegate, supported the motion in a violent speech in which he said that Germany had overstepped the principles which should be binding upon civilized nations. He held that the annexation to Germany was illegal. "We are not here," he said, "to discuss our own affairs, but to discuss the rights of a people who have been wronged."

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being brought to the station house. Seven thousand and ninety-four persons have signed the remonstrance against the petition of Harrison Baker and others for repeal of the law relating to bonds of landholders and victuallers. The separate petitions number 164, and came from 127 different towns and cities.

Special Notices.

St. Andrew's Lodge.

FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 20th.

There will be a Special Meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 20, at Masonic Hall, at 7 o'clock.

Delegates are invited to attend.

ELOCUTION!

INSTRUCTOR GIVEN BY

ANNIE E. BLISS.

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